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Here it is June again and another year is over in the school world. Examinations were a thing of the past by the fifth of May and after a week's rest some of the students were so full of "vim and vigour" - or is it vitamins now? - that they could not wait until their camp jobs started but immediately got temporary work to keep them busy and incidentally to provide a little more "coin of the realm" for their next year's fees. Oh to be young and at college - now that exams are over!

The first event of the closing festivities was the tea given at the Women's Art Association in honour of the graduating class by the alumnae of the School of Physical and Health Education and of the Diploma Course, on May 6th. The weather could hardly have been worse, but the lovely flowers and the bright, merry faces (!) of hostesses and guests made everything cheerful within. Beautiful bouquets, sent by Kae Cunningham's aunt from Clinton, lightened the rooms and each girl in the class was given a corsage of roses, sweet peas and hyacinths, while each man received a white carnation. President and Mrs. Cody, Miss Somers, Miss Forster, Miss Jackson, Mrs. Graham, Dr. Ryerson, Mr. Griffiths and his young daughter, were among the guests.

Yesterday, June 8th, was THE DAY in the hearts and minds of the sixteen fair maidens and nine men who received the degree of Bachelor of Physical and Health Education from the University of Toronto, as well as to those numerous young people who received degrees in various other courses. The long procession lined up at University College and came across the campus, shepherded occasionally by Dr. W.J. Dunlop of the University Extension Department and by University policemen. The P.H.E.'s were at the very end and got caught in the beginning of a heavy shower that held off until they were in sight of shelter and safety. We missed the colorful personality of Sir William Mulock, Chancellor of the University, who celebrated his 100th birthday this spring, and who therefore has seen students come and go for many a year. But there was plenty of colour on the platform in the red, blue, purple and gold hoods of the faculty members, and guests who were receiving degrees honoris causis. Among the latter was Dr. J.R.P. Selater, minister of Old St. Andrews United Church, who gave the address of the afternoon. One sentence in his address the graduates could carry away with them, if nothing else. "They shall be free who dare to be free". It is worth remembering.

After the degrees had been conferred, President Cody called on Mrs. C.E. Burden to present the medals donated by the T. Eaton Company in honour of Mrs. Timothy Eaton (Margaret Eaton) and of Mrs. Nasmith. These were won by Betty Davis of Gore Bay and Jeanne Stinson of Port Arthur, respectively.

Following the Convocation, the usual Garden Party was held in the quadrangle of University College, and here relatives and other friends gathered to congratulate the graduates, while Miss Forster with her movie camera moved here and there sometimes posing the students, at other times "snapping" her unsuspecting victims. Here the Student Council awards were presented for outstanding service in undergraduate life, and we were proud to have one of our graduating class, Jean Barnhart of Ottawa, receive one. Another member of our class, Frank Watson, was in the receiving line and introduced President Cody who presented the Awards.

The climax to an exciting day for the graduates came in the evening when they gathered

at the Old Mill for their annual Graduation Banquet. Many of you will remember the soft, old-time atmosphere of the Old Mill, especially of the Garret Room where the banquet was held by the light of candles and an occasional dim lantern that hung from the ceiling. But there was nothing "dim" about the spirits of the graduates and laughter rang from the rafters (literally speaking) as they chatted during dinner or listened to the speeches. Monica Folkersen was toast mistress and a good one, natural, fearless and funny! She introduced Dr. Ryerson as the "Daddy of the course", Dr. Haist as "our young and handsome professor", and after Gwen Inniss had proposed a toast to the staff in very eulogistic words, Monica brought down the house by saying, "That isn't the way you talked to me about them!" However, as Miss Forster brought out in her reply, the kind words were appreciated. They reminded Miss Forster of the spinster of uncertain age who met her minister one day and he said, "My best wishes, Miss Blank, I hear you are going to be married". "No," she said, "I am not, but thanks for the rumour!".....Margaret Lifton gave a well thought-out toast to the University, while Frank Watson proposed the toast to the School. Dr. Ryerson replied to both of these in a very interesting talk, which emphasized the value of the training given in our course as brought home to him by present day experiences, and included an historical sketch of the University. In tracing the development of the University Dr. Ryerson showed that it is unique in its set-up, which includes colleges of different denominations as well as professional schools. Dr. Haist proposed a toast to the graduating class in a clever and witty speech that contained also some excellent advice to the graduates. Among other things Dr. Haist said, "I hope that you can carry over something of the scientific approach into your every day problems. If you can make your own observations and draw your own conclusions, maintain an emotional drive but keep your emotions out of your decisions, if you can preserve the attitude of "the man from Missouri" who has to be shown, then we won't care if you forget some of the facts we have taught you".

Betty Davis' reply, good and not too long, brought a very successful dinner to a close. The thanks of staff and students alike, are due to Kay Giles who carried the main responsibility of this affair, for a very pleasant evening.

May 20th was the date of the Annual Alumnae Luncheon held again at the Granite Club. The decorations, in charge of Dorothy Kennedy Conacher, were lovely bouquets of apple blossoms and lilies of the valley, while the attractive place cards were also the work of Mrs. Conacher's clever fingers. In the absence from the city of the new president, Adrienne Adams Lea, Lois Russell Heaton presided in her usual capable manner. The two chief guests of honour were Major Mary Barker and Senior Commander Wells of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, England, in Canada for three months on exchange. Mary talked informally about her trip to England and of the Margaret Eaton School graduates she had seen while abroad or since. Among others she mentioned were: Mona Miller Tomalin, now a major and second in charge of No. 1, C.W.A.C. (A) T.C. Ste Anne de Bellevue; Doris Weston, Major in charge of a Depot Company in Calgary; Theo Elmsley who is to go to England on exchange and Kae Light Wilson whom Mary saw in Windsor, England, when Kae was at her Officers' Training Centre. Commander Wells told us of the work of the A.T.S.

The Ship, 097, or to us "the Maggie E.", is still the main item of interest in the Alumnae War work. January brought the men chocolate bars, February, cheese. In March they got postum and in April a hockey game. They were supposed to get a toaster in May but something happened and to make up for our seeming neglect, they are receiving a lot in June -- one rug or bunk cover, knitted articles, cake and the shower gifts received at the June meeting held at Dot Prat's. In addition 22 knitted articles and some scrap leather for jackets was given to the British Minesweepers.

Louise Mackenzie who is in charge of the wool asks us to tell you that there is wool available for summer knitting either at her home, 67 Burnaby Boulevard, until June 24th, or at the School Office (9-12:30, 1:30-4, Saturday 9-12) until June 30th. Louise says they need scraps of wool and woollen knitted goods for the second rug they are making. Have you any you can donate? Kathleen Pepler Hall also has an important message for you. She still has ditty bags to give out, which you may get from her until June 24th at 722 Spadina Avenue. She urges you to bring your filled bags in early to the School, any time after the first week in August.

The new officers of the M.E.S. Alumnae Association are as follows:

President	-	Adrienne Adams Lea
Past President	-	Lois Russell Heaton
Secretary	-	Peggy Pringle Burnet
Treasurer	-	Dona Smellie
Wool Convener	-	Louise Mackenzie
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The Ship	-	Kathleen Pepler Hall
Publicity	-	Isabel Callan Macdonald

We bring to the attention of the active physical and health educationalists and of the recreation leaders in the Central Ontario District, an organization that is in the process of being formed among such teachers and leaders. You will be told more about this in the fall, but be prepared to do your share in making it a success. It will only fulfil its purpose if every one takes an active interest in it.

May we remind you also that there is a National Physical Fitness Act and it too will only be a success as each graduate of physical education, health education and recreation courses gives it support. Major Ian Eisenhardt, Director of the National Physical Fitness Council, has sent out a letter asking for "suggestions, advice and criticisms".

NEWS NOTES:

We are sorry that there is such a preponderance of M.E.S. news items, but when S.P.H.E. has been in existence for approximately thirty-five years and has 460 odd graduates, the news will be more evenly divided! We think some items are interesting even if you do not know the graduate concerned, and sometimes you will find both M.E.S. and S.P.H.E. in the one paragraph.

Miss Hamilton leaves in another week for Camp Tanamakoon the Beautiful. You will be interested to know that Betty Gonsaulus is to be her head counselor this year, Sylvia Macklin head of swimming, and Jean Thomas, head of canoeing. Suzanne Oliver, Nancy Fairley and Joan Christie of S.P.H.E. II Year are among the counselors.

Miss Somers is spending the summer at her home in Dennis, Cape Cod. She writes: "It is hard to find time to write in the midst of getting the house presentable. Cleaning and washing spreads and curtains etc. etc. A little garden is dug, but I do a few feet and then lay off a few days! Have short rows planted of peas and bush beans carrots and beets. When I feel like digging more, will plant spinach and lettuce and radishes!"

Miss Jackson is teaching canoeing at the Sargent spring camp, Boston University, at Peterboro, N.H. She also writes: "Things are in high gear down here, and the pace is fast. It is good fun.....and there is never a dull moment".

Miss Ross, of the staff of the former Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression, had the misfortune to break her leg early in April. We are glad to report that she is now able to be back in her own apartment at 321 Bloor Street West.

Shirley Naylor McCatty spent a month this spring at Baie Comeau, Quebec, where she taught physical education to the big paper mill community there. Shirley wrote: "You know Miss Thompson came down with me. (Miss Thompson was also a member of the Paper Mill Staff) She made the first week very pleasant and busy, and it certainly did simplify the organizing of classes having her here. The townspeople have turned out well. One could not ask for a more congenial or co-operative group to work with. Miss Thompson and I visited steadily for about four days --- individuals, office groups, women's groups, teachers. The priest gave us permission to teach two half days a week in the Catholic School and there was no difficulty about the tiny English School. You would be amused if you could hear me and see me with the French classes of children, *arretez! regardez!* I find my hands are quite useful for talking. These school classes are for children 12 and under. The teen-age girls come to the gym. twice a week and it's a large group, English and French. Besides these there are the business girls in the evening and women in the afternoon, and the Tiny Tots are yet to come. Facilities are excellent - a big, bright modern gym, venetian blinds and all (size - 3 badminton courts with plenty to spare at either end.) The whole town is a model and offers everything from a well stocked Hudson's Bay store to an excellent taxi service that is really at one's service."

Dr. Ryerson is in Hamilton this week attending the Canadian Universities Conference in session at McMaster University.

Mr. M.G. Griffiths, acting director of the men's physical education staff, has gone to his country place, Glynnwood Farms, Lakefield, where he is busy with the summer farm work.

Mr. J.E. McCutcheon also of the men's staff, has been appointed Field Programme Secretary of the National Y.M.C.A. for the summer. This entails visiting the Y.M.C.A. War Services Centres of the Naval Bases, Army Camps and Air Force Stations throughout Canada.

At the annual dinner for the examiners of the Royal Life Saving Society, held this spring, Mr. W. H. Martin of the men's staff demonstrated the Eve Rocking Method of Artificial Respiration. At the same meeting H.D. Whittle, II Year student, demonstrated the recently introduced Uni-grip Method in Life Saving.

In May Adrienne Adams Lea flew to Moncton and then by train to Truro, N.S. to spend some time with her husband, Lieut. E.R. Lea, who is stationed at Debert.

Norah Bannister Wolter dropped in to see us when in the city for a day or two on her way to visit her parents in Moncton.

Josephine Barrington of the W.R.C.N.S. recently graduated from the Officers' Training Course at Ottawa, and is now Probationary Sub-Lieutenant.

Dorothy Buck of the R.C.A.F., W.D. is stationed at Guelph.

Betty Burns von Tobel has been teaching two days a week at St. Helen's School, Dunham, Quebec, and has enjoyed her work very much.

A letter from Gladys Butler Doughty of Windsor, Ont. in the spring gave us news of herself and family. She has twin daughters, who will be three in September and a son, Lewis, who was seven in May.

Frances Caisley wrote from Baltimore, Maryland in the spring: "We're very busy with spring tournaments etc. Two big city wide track and field meets coming up this month, and Varsity volley ball games start next week. In addition to this I'm referee for parochial schools - Elementary and Junior High School sprint ball tournament 3 days a week after school. We have 120 girls in the big meet - 97 boys. I teach in one of the few Junior High Schools where we have to work with boys and girls. It's much harder but I like it. My school is the accelerated school, where children do three years junior high in two years. They are a joy to teach. Very high I.Q."

Isabel Callan Macdonald and Ken are spending the month of June at Ward's Island with Mr. Macdonald Sr.

Zoe Christie has enlisted in the Canadian Army Medical Corps and leaves July 7th for Petawawa where she will be doing hospital laboratory work.

Born on April 10, 1944 to Dr. and Mrs. James W. Fisher (Barbara Claxton) a son, James David. Dr. Fisher received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the recent Convocation of the University of Toronto.

Marjorie McFadzean Claxton 4T4 is to be a counselor at Camp Winnebago this summer, as is Eleanore Pattison 4T5.

Born at Guelph, Ontario, on May 3, 1944 to Squadron Leader Herbert M. Coleman and Mrs. Coleman (Barbara Crowe) a son, Derek Jardine.

A welcome visitor at the Alumnae Luncheon was Elva Creelman Jowitt, in the city for a few days on her way to the I.O.D.E. Convention in Hamilton.

Kathleen Cuninghame was married on Saturday, June 10th, in Trinity Chapel, to Mr. Thomas E. Hull. Kay looked lovely in white lace over taffeta made on princess lines with a lace halo, long veil and all white flowers. For going away she wore a leaf green light wool suit with matching hat and corsage of gardenias. Betty Allen was one of the bride's attendants. The reception was held at Wymilwood. The bridegroom graduated from Trinity this spring and was the winner of the Moss scholarship, a scholarship awarded by election of the students and choice of a committee to the best all-round student in the graduating classes of any of the colleges. Mr. Hull is specializing in meteorology.

Betty Davis is returning to Camp Ouareau in the Laurentians, and Virginia Kitto is going as a counselor to Camp Memphremagog, Que.

As most of you know Margaret Dunning went to New Zealand last fall to become National Health Education Secretary. We quote from the New Zealand Free Lance of December 15, 1943: "Miss Dunning's work in New Zealand is to be concentrated on leadership training. This will be along two lines - advanced training for professional youth organizers and special courses for voluntary leaders of recreation groups of young people. During the next year, she will concentrate on four centres - Dunedin, Palmerston North, New Plymouth and Auckland, and will begin the fifty-hour course which she has planned at Dunedin in March."

All Margaret's friends will want to join with us in sending her our best wishes on

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her recent marriage to FO Douglas Farr of the New Zealand Air Force. They were married in Wellington on May 26th. Margaret is continuing with her work.

Joan Fawcett is now assistant physical directress of the College of Physical Education in Calcutta. Her address is Suite 24, Chowringbee Mansions, Calcutta, India.

Lieut. Joan Fellowes has gone overseas with the C.W.A.C. Her address at present is C.W.A.C., Poste Restante, Canadian Army Overseas.

Helen Fiebig Bennett wrote in April from Timmins of her physical education activities in that northern city - supervising swimming, examining for the Royal Life Saving Society (last summer) and refereeing basketball games at the High School. Helen also has been doing quite a lot of ski-ing.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John William Munsie (Dorothy Frappier) at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, B.C. on March 23, 1944, a son, $9\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Kay Giles 4T4 is going to Camp Oconto as a counselor.

Phyl Goodfellow Chicoine did some teaching this year in the Fort William Y.M.C.A. for a group of girls from an aeroplane factory.

Mollie Gordon Reid's friends everywhere will sympathize deeply with her in the death through illness on April 1st of her little boy Richard, and on April 3rd of her baby daughter Marigold.

We extend our sympathy also to Enid Goss (Mrs. Donald Lowe) in the death of her only brother, John Munroe Goss, on Friday, April 28th at Mackenzie, British Guiana. Mrs. Lowe is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. A. S. Goss, at 75 Oriole Road,

Barbara Halliday of the R.C.A.F., W.D., has been transferred to Trenton where she and another Physical Educationalist (a McGill graduate) will be in charge of the K.T.S. Physical Training Course.

Norma Hansen 4T4 expects to take a course in Physiotherapy at the Mayo Clinic this summer.

Born on April 12, 1944 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tarr (Margaret Henderson) a daughter, Mary LeCount.

Moris Hibbard Rundle of this year's graduating class left the end of May for Edmonton where her husband is stationed. Her address until the end of June is 10203-107th St.

Born on March 30, 1944 to Lieut. and Mrs. Gerald Elkin (Roberta Hill) a daughter, Marilyn Hill.

Lieut. Margo Jess of the W.R.C.N.S. is now stationed at H.M.C.S. Chatham, Prince Rupert, B.C.

Eleanor Keyes is in charge of Shadow Lake Camp this summer, in Bess Pitt's absence.

Frances Kitchen (Mrs Eric Miller) has been doing part-time work this spring for the York Community Centre, with Blanche Wellman.

Margaret Lifton and Kay Giles of this year's class left on Monday, June 12 by cycle

for Hamilton, Fergus and points south. They will be joined at Fergus by Marjorie Claxton.

Barbara McArel Reardon and baby daughter are living in Halifax, where Mr. Reardon, after being released from the Army, is finishing his medical course at Dalhousie University.

Kay Mackenzie Beers paid us a brief visit this spring when she was recuperating after a goitre operation. Kay seemed to be making an excellent recovery and expected to return soon to Foote's Bay, where she and her two children live with Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie while Mr. Beers is on active service.

A very interesting letter came this spring from Norah Magnan Duly in Umtali, Southern Rhodesia. She wrote of the rationing there, especially in paper. Nothing is ever wrapped! Some of the things that she cannot get, her husband is able to send her from Cairo. Norah started to teach at the Convent High School last year when they couldn't get a teacher and quite enjoyed it, but unfortunately she tore a muscle and ligaments in her knee on the playing field and was laid up for weeks. Then her little boy, Bryan, had to have his tonsils out and after that the Doctor insisted on a change to sea level. Norah says: "We went to Jeffrey's Bay near Pt. Elizabeth, which is reputed to be the second finest beach in the world for shells! I can quite believe it as there are over 500 different varieties. They are unbelievably beautiful and fantastic".

Miss Somers had a very interesting letter from Jean Meredith Burke this spring. She wrote from the Flintridge School at Arcadia, California: "We have just finished our big spring event 'May Day'. This year it was held on April 29th but a better May Day was never put on by Flintridge. For a month or so, under special tutelage, the children have worked up five scenes from Shakespeare, which they produced in various spots in the garden. It was most effective. My part was to teach four dances. We used "Sweet Kate" for As You Like It and the Ribbon Dance by the heroines and heroes for a finale. As an opener we had concentric circles of Sellenger's Round around the Maypole and the fourth was a Maypole dance. We had three hundred people in the grounds for lunch too, so we really made a day of it".

Born on May 7th, 1944 to Sgt. Pilot and Mrs. R.W.F. Meisner (Ruth Milne) a daughter, Janice Marjorie.

Constance O'Connor 4T4 is taking the Teachers' Summer Course at the Ontario College of Education.

Joyce O'Neill wrote in a letter dated April 29th that she expected to be called up for the WRNS within a week or two. She had had a brief visit from Pat Seccombe, a former S.P.H.E. student. Pat, who is in the R.C.A.F., W.D. is stationed near York and is finding her work most interesting.

Melen Parsons has completed her Officers Training Course in the W.R.C.N.S. and is now a Probationary Sub-lieutenant in the Welfare Department with headquarters in Ottawa. She expects her work to take her all over Canada. Parr was home for a week-end recently, looking very smart in her uniform, and was full of enthusiasm for her new work.

Bess Pitt has four months' leave of absence from the Recreation Department of the T. Eaton Company and has gone overseas with the St. John's Ambulance Association to do hospital survey work. A cable last week told of her safe arrival in England.

Louise Proctor Hooper's friends will be glad to hear that she has her husband home for a while. Major Hooper, on sick leave for a time, is now able to resume his duties and is stationed at present in Kingston.

Born to Margaret Robinson Bows and Mr. Bows on December 9, 1943, a son, William Terrance. Mr. and Mrs. Bows and the baby are living at 4903 Jean Brilliant Avenue, Montreal.

Jean Sabiston 4T4 has enlisted in the Canadian Red Cross, Transport Division.

Betty Snell has joined the Canadian Red Cross for service overseas.

Ellie Sovereign Wood and her three little girls are living at present in Vernon, B.C. Captain Jimmy is with the 8th Army in Italy.

Mary Sovereign Barnes who has been doing radio work with the C.P.R. Air School in Edmonton, has just returned from two weeks holiday spent in Banff and Calgary. She saw Cecilie Swanson and Audrey Jackson and altogether had a grand time. Mary says her husband "Mike", is with the 8th Army in Italy too, and has been promoted to be Captain and Adjutant of his regiment.

Sam Stellman is stationed at Moose Jaw, Sask.

Jeanne Stinson is to be in charge of programme at Camp Centennial this summer.

The engagement has been announced of Mary Ross Walker to Mr. Walter Solmes Ross, the marriage to take place on June 17th in St. Clement's Church, North Toronto.

Elinor Wallace Souchuk has been living for some time in Yarmouth, N.S. where her husband has been stationed. Elinor writes (April 4): The Y.M.C.A. where I have been taking girls' classes all winter was burnt out a month ago but we have the gym. in running order again and although the men don't feel up to putting on a full demonstration, I am thinking of asking the mothers to come in some afternoon and show them what we have been doing all winter. Also I have almost talked the men into allowing the girls to use their summer camp this year for two weeks."

In this sad time there is not a day that does not bring sorrow to someone, and many in the News Letter circle of friends have been touched.

We extend our deepest sympathy to:

Laura Graham, whose brother, Douglas George Graham, is missing after the sinking of H.M.C.S. Valleyfield.

Florence Riley Dorsey, whose husband, Lieut. Robert Edmund Dorsey, was killed in action on June 7th.

Charlotte H. Layton